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AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313
Sir:

In response to the Office Action Mailed 2005 April 6, please amend the above application as follows:

CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 rewritten and renumbered as claims 12-20

12. A multiple person hammock comprising a fabric bed having means of suspension at each longitudinal end thereof to a spaced anchor wherein, said suspended fabric bed is made more taut along the longitudinal center than said fabric bed is along its lateral sides.
 13. The closure of claim 12 wherein said body of material is laterally stretched by a spreader pole.
 14. The closure of claim 12 wherein said body has supporting stabilizer lines having means for attachment of said body to said spaced anchors, wherein said body is stabilized and supported.
 15. The closure of claim 14 wherein said supporting stabilizer lines are adjustable.
 16. The closure of claim 12 wherein a shelter structure is removably attached to said body.
17. A hammock or tent comprising a tent pole structure wherein said tent pole structure supports a raincover and means are provided to retract and reapply said raincover over said tent pole structure.
 18. The closure of claim 17 wherein the action of retracting and reapplying said raincover may be wholly performed from the inside of said hammock or tent enclosure.
 19. The closure of claim 17 wherein said raincover can be partially or completely removed from hammock or tent.
20. A suspendable bed having means of tensioning said bed between spaced anchors wherein one or each of said spaced anchors is directly utilized in and of itself as a pulley to gain a mechanical advantage in tensioning said bed.